

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments. Claims 1, 2, 7-9, and 12-16 were pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, and 7-9, and 12-16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 17-24 have been added. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 17-24 are pending.

Claim Rejections of 1, 2, 12, 13, 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph

Claims 1,2, 12, 13, 14 and 15 have been canceled and new replacement claims have been added as suggested by the Examiner in the March 3, 2005 Office Action. Applicants note that the new claims are the way the Examiner has suggested for allowance. In addition, applicants have deleted SEQ ID: 14 from claims 17 and 18 because it is the same as SEQ ID: 3. Applicants have also deleted the phrase, "at least one further amino acid outside the peptide or peptide derivative," to claim 17. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Claim Rejections of 1, 2, 7-9, and 12-16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 1, 2, 8-9, and 12-16 have been canceled. Claim 7 has been amended to be in accordance with new claim 17. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection

Objection to Claim 2

Claim 2 has been canceled. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this objection.

Allowable Subject Matter

As applicants have stated above, applicants have canceled the pending claims and replaced them with new claims 17-24 as suggested by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks it is believed that the claim is in condition for allowance. However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700 so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

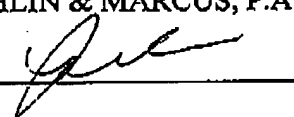
ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,

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